

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

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Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *pray ground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

LOUIE L. WHITE (1921-1979)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell. all stand as able and sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

FINNIAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³"As I live," says the Lord GOD, "this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,” says the Lord GOD. “Turn, then, and live.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-8 (*sung by all*)
Remain seated.



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- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my | trust in you: *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to | shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their | schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O | LORD, *
and teach me your | paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and | teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day | long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and | love, *
for they are from ever|lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans|gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O | LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the | LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his | way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing | right *
and teaches his way to the | lowly.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full

accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief Presiders and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and

said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Congregation remains seated.

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents come forward and say

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Presider then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able.

Presider

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Presider says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Presider, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and says
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Presider says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Christus factus est

(sung by the Parish Choir)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum
et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

For us, Christ was made obedient
to death, death on the cross.
Therefore, God has exalted him
and given him a name
that is above every name.

Text: Philippians 2: 8b-9

Music: Felice Anerio (c. 1560-1614)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
 your Word has never been silent;
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage
 and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
 to be human, to share our life,
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life,
 reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
 Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
 gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
 said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

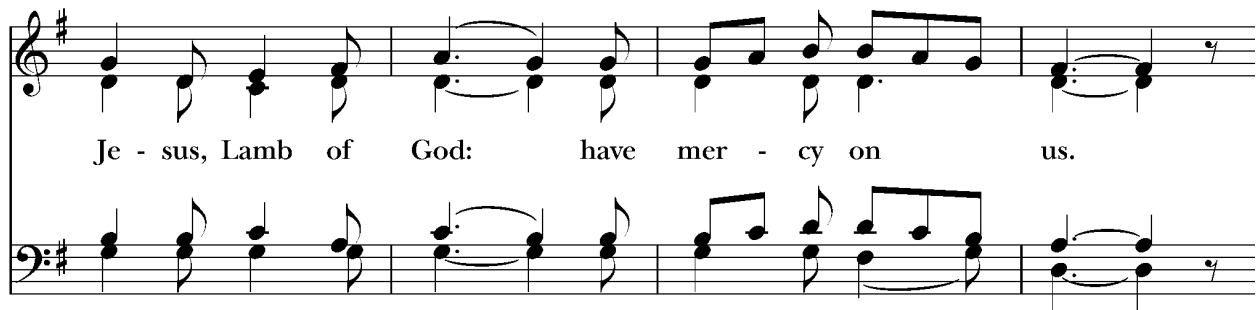
All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

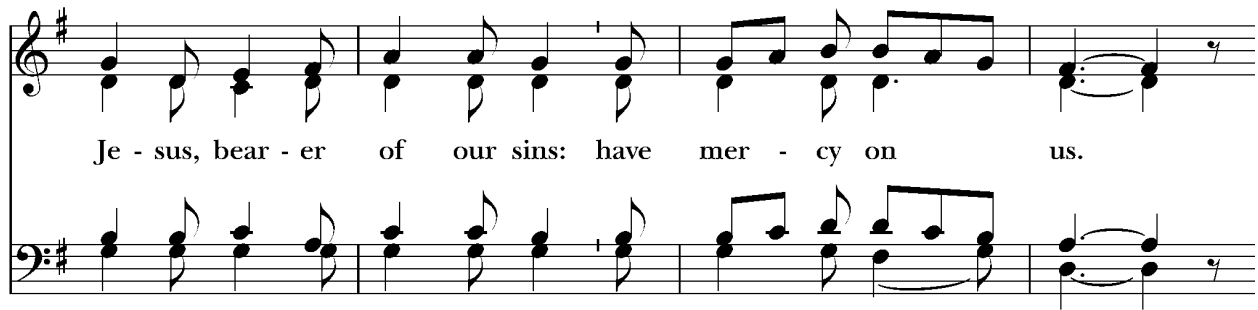
People and Presider

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

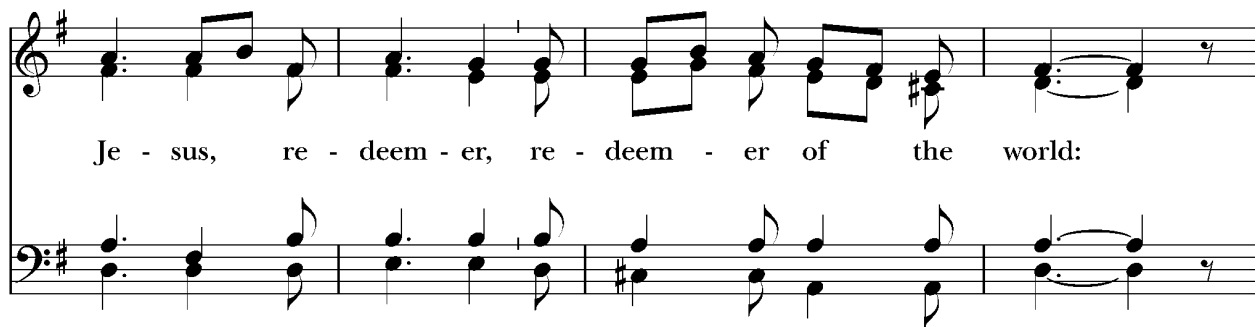
The Breaking of the Bread



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Presider This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.

Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION HYMN



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, he res - cues me from death.



Sing prais - es, all you peoples, sing prais - es to the Lord; sing



prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

*After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.*

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

DISMISSAL

Presider

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

GIUSEPPI TORELLI (1658-1709)

The flowers are given this morning by Karen James in loving memory of Karen Dyer, and in thanksgiving for the first full year of Laundry Love that Karen Dyer helped to start.

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 10/1 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Blessing of the Animals |
| 10/2 | 6:30 p.m. | RDV Monday Night Fellowship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EfM |
| 10/4 | 12:00 p.m. | Feeding the Spirit Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 10/5 | 6:30 p.m. | Schola rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir rehearsal |
| 10/8 | 10:00 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee Meeting |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Newcomers/Episcopal 101 |



Bring your creatures great and small for our
Blessing of the Animals.
TODAY at 4:00 p.m.

NEWCOMERS GROUP AND EPISCOPAL 101



*“Episcopalians find comfort, nurture, fellowship, and encouragement in our communities of faith [especially true for us at Epiphany]. And we believe the Almighty is not finished with us yet. We believe—now more than ever---that we provide a uniquely fulfilling and vital role in the panoply of modern Christian experiences...”*The Episcopal Handbook

Want to know more about what is meant by that introduction and what it means to be an Episcopalian here at Epiphany? Good, because we are pleased to announce the formation of our first New Members/Episcopal 101 class series. For three consecutive Sundays, **October 8, October 15, and October 22**, we will meet directly after church (exact location TBD) for an opportunity to get to know Epiphany and one another better, while also learning more about the core beliefs of the Episcopal Church. So, whether you are new to Epiphany, or to the Episcopal Church at large, new in town, **or a long-time member continuing to grow in your spirituality**, you are invited to join us. By participating in this offering, you will have the chance to connect with others who are also on a faith journey, forming bonds that will last a lifetime. At the conclusion of the courses, you will also have the opportunity should you so desire, to be welcomed by our Vicar into our Church of the Epiphany family at our All-Saints’ service on November 5, where your name will officially be added to our register. Please RSVP if you will be attending so we will know how to provide adequate seating and snacks!!! info@tcote.org



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GIVE



Your ongoing financial support allows us to embrace and engage in the mission and ministry of The Church of the Epiphany. Visit www.tcote.org/give or scan the QR code.

FLOWER GIFTS FOR SUNDAYS



Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card found in the church pews

or visit www.tcote.org.

OCTOBER OWLS EVENT



Please come join us **Thursday, October 12 from noon – 2** for lunch and an English history talk from our very own Guy Walker. He will be speaking on the period of 1660-1714, which covers the latter half of the Stuart dynasty (Restoration of Charles II, James II, William and Mary, and Queen Anne.) We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP by October 9 to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or email her at mponticelli@tcote.org.

PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY



Following a surgery last week to remove an adrenal gland and attached mass, **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** has been moved from the intensive care unit of the hospital to a standard hospital room. He will continue his recovery there, and updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Please continue to uplift Bishop Curry, his family, and his whole medical team in your prayers.

CREATION CARE



*When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars, which you
have set in place, what is mankind
that you are mindful of them. Psalm 3,4*

Nurturing our connection to seasonal markers brings us closer to the cycles of nature, keeping us in tune with the comforting rhythms of the universe. By observing the Harvest Moon, we forge a deeper relationship with the season and with the natural world. In turn we strengthen our sense of peace and belonging, growing our feeling of rootedness in the natural networks we live within.

But there's a full moon risin'
Let's go dancin' in the light
We know where the music's playin'
Let's go out and feel the night.
Neil Young – [Harvest Moon](#)

Go out in the evening take in the moon's beauty and allow God's love to flow through you.

PACIFIC DUO



Members of the Epiphany Music Guild were enthralled at their Member Appreciation Event by **Nolan Harvel and Garrett Podgorski, the Pacific Duo**. The two virtuosos played together and separately, and it is safe to say that most of us had never heard such divine sounds coming from guitars. Because of the generosity of the members of the EMG, the majority of our events are open to all without admission charges. It's not too late to join, but whether or not you do, you are invited to attend our season's concerts. Our next event will be **October 29** where we will present **Seraphour: Spirit and Light**. Read more at www.tcote.org

OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH



Many, many thanks for the lunches last month. The folks served by Harbor House very much appreciated them. Our next date is **Wednesday, October 18** and they are asking for 70 lunches. Let me know if you are able to help this month. e-mail: yvonnellux@gmail.com. Thanks so much! Details at www.tcote.org

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship?
Gather together to delve into a Bible
verse, barrel taste RDV wine
(optional) and explore the
connections we have with one another at 6:30 – 7:30
p.m. on **Monday, October 2**.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

*For more information on these and other ministries,
please visit www.tcote.org.*



Meeting weekly for one-hour at noon on Wednesdays in Bishop's Hall, **Feeding the Spirit Bible Study** is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. Bring a lunch! We're feeding the Spirit and the Body! Upcoming readings will be found in our weekly *Connections* newsletter (subscribe at www.tcote.org) or on The Lectionary Page at www.lectionarypage.net



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's name. In addition to

ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and all of the other sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com

Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Interested in being a **Coffee**

Host? Contact: info@tcote.org

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and the asking of important questions. Our youth

group meets *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



The **Women's Interfaith Network** (WIN) has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page on our website www.tcote.org. Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org

Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on the *last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen James kjames@tcote.org



The Lunch Bunch prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne Lux yvonnellux@gmail.com

Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.* Link at www.tcote.org or contact: Barry Burns burnscreative@gmail.com.



A grief shared meets *on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.* Wherever and however you are experiencing grief, we invite you

to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org

Creation Care at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events;

thereby enriching people's lives and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space.



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals

and homes, and help with the unmet needs they may have, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider:

sschneider@tcote.org

OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, meeting monthly for lunch and a variety of enriching programs from October-May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli:

mponicelli@tcote.org



"Just the noise you make, and the camaraderie...it is the most life-affirming experience, singing in a choir." Sir Elton John. The **Music Ministry** at The Church of

the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay Wilcox jwilcox@tcote.org



PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Bishop Michael Curry, Tom, the Barsoum family, Shirley, Kay

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:

Boyd, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Kathy, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Curt, Jana, Dave C, Steve, Joe, Rhonda, Catherine, Lynn, Dan, Amanda, Laura, Tabitha, Debbi, Judie, Viola Cleo, and Cordelia

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

After two weeks on the Parish Prayer List, the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term Prayer List for two more months, unless told otherwise.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:

